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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
950 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20530

Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I am writing in support of the settlement the Department of Justice has reached with Microsoft in its antitrust case. I like Microsoft products and use them all the time, and I don't want anything further to happen to the company.

The concessions Microsoft is making in the settlement are fair. There should be increased competition as a result, which will allow consumers to continue making the most informed decisions they can. Microsoft will, for example, allow their competitors to place non-Microsoft software on the Windows operating system, letting them compete on Microsoft's turf. Additionally, Microsoft has agreed not to retaliate against companies that sell or promote non-Microsoft programs.

I want to see this matter ended once and for all. The settlement should be finalized once the public comment period ends.

Sincerely,



Kenneth Bell